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Hearing: “The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives from the Field”

WHO: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology
Chairman Dave Reichert (R-WA)

WHEN: 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

WITNESSES

Mr. Casey L. Perry
Trooper, Wisconsin State Patrol;
Chairman, National Troopers Coalition

Mr. Tim Bradley
Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal, North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal;
Member, National Volunteer Fire Council

Ms. Diane Linderman
Director-at-Large, Public Works Management/Leadership, American Public Works Association

Mr. William Moroney
President and Chief Executive Officer, United Telecom Council

Dr. William W. Pinsky
Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Clinic Foundation;
Committee on Health Professions and representative to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, American Hospital Association

BACKGROUND

Whether it is a local incident or a catastrophic national disaster, the ability of police, fire, and emergency medical personnel to communicate is essential to mounting a rapid

response. The Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology will evaluate the state of interoperable communications from the perspective of first responders and public safety support providers, and assess what is being done to ensure effective communication capabilities in the future.

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